### Five Displays of God's Greatness:

## I. God's Greatness is Displayed through His Holiness. Ex. 3:1-6

Holiness= "the cutting off or separation from what is unclean, and a consecration to what is pure."

#### A.W. Tozer States:

"Holy is the way God is. To be Holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard. He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity that is incapable of being other than it is. Because He is holy, all His attributes are holy; that is, whatever we think of as belonging to God must be thought of as holy."

God's greatness is displayed through His Holiness and His Holiness gives Christians a true standard to live by.

# II. God's Greatness is Displayed through His Care. Ex. 3:7-10

Three ways in Exodus 3:7 that show how God is caring:

- 1. "God saw the affliction"
- "God heard their cry"
- 3. "God knew their sorrows"

### A. God Cares through Listening.

This is a true testament of how great our God really is. Even though God is the Creator of the Universe, the ruler of the World, the Almighty One, He still listens and knows the heart of His people.

#### B. God Cares through Action.

Vs. 8: "God came down to deliver"

God's greatness is not only displayed through His care, it is displayed through His Sovereignty. God's ultimate goal for us is to be comfortable, but to be Holy. He will allow things to come into our life, to rip away the trash that is preventing us from most glorifying Him, so that we can become more Holy.

# III. God's Greatness is Displayed through His Omipresence. Ex. 3:12

Omnipresent= "God is present everywhere with His whole being at the same time."

### Two significant truths regarding God's omnipresence:

# A. God is with You During Your Darkest and Brightest Days. *Ps.* 139:7-12

During the moments of your greatest victory, God was by your side.

During your moments of greatest defeat and loneliness, God was by your side.

### God Never Commissions You to do Anything by Yourself.

God goes with us, every step of the way, giving us the power to accomplish His will.

### IV. God's Greatness is Displayed through His Self-Existence. Ex. 3:14

"I Am that I Am" = this name points to God's self-existence and eternality. In other words, God is saying "I am the One who is and who will be.

### Three implications:

#### A. God Exists in and of Himself.

This phrase contributes to the fact that God was never created, always existed, and does not depend upon anything else.

#### B. God is Unchanging.

Since God is self-existent and not determined by any outside forces, He never changes. God operates above the laws of nature. People change their minds due to unforeseen circumstances, but God foresees all and has no weaknesses.

#### C. We Must Conform to Him and not He to Us.

Since God operates according to who He is and He is absolute, then He is the model that we are to follow and the rule in which to be measured.

#### Two Questions Moses Asks in Ex. 4:1-12:

- 1. The question of Authority
- 2. The guestion of Personal Ability

God answers both questions by displaying His power.

V. God's Greatness is Displayed through His Power. Ex. 4:2-12

### Two Truths about God's Power:

A. God is Powerful Enough to Take what is in our Hand and Use it to Accomplish His Plan.

God never chooses us based upon our strengths and abilities. He chooses us because He wants to use us to glorify Him.

B. God is Powerful Enough to Accomplish His Plan, in Spite of our Weaknesses.

When God chooses to use someone that is uneducated, unqualified, and has very few abilities, it is in those moments that God is most glorified.

#### Because God is Great...

- God is Good
- 2. God loves a sinner like me unconditionally
- God can transform a lost, sin-filled, perverted murderous man into a loving, humble and faithful servant.



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# Our View on God: Part 1 We Believe God REALLY is Great.

The debate for the greatness of God is not a new debate. Leading atheists like Richard Dawkins, Lawrence Krauss, and the late Stephen Hawkins have written books and memoirs all contributing to the fact that "God does not exist".

Let's say that all of the atheists are right. Let's say that God isn't great, and let's say that Christians are "poisoned" by religion. If we were to take an ill-minded, brainwashed Christian who lived their life trying to please the Lord and then compared it to the life of a devout atheist, who's life would seem more appealing? Would it be the joyful, law abiding, satisfied life of the brainwashed Christian? Or would it be the empty, sad, controversial life of the atheist?

If there is proof that the life of a Christian is joyful, satisfying and life-transforming than there must be something there? There must be a God and...

#### God must Really be Great!

Through the first part of this study, we will examine how God reveals just a portion of His greatness during His commissioning call for Moses. Moses was a great leader who God used greatly, but that didn't come without some coaching.